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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Applicants respond to the Office Action mailed on 11/2/99 (hereinafter referred to as the "Office Action") in the following manner:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2 and amend claims 1 and 10 as follows:

Claim 1 (amended)

A tripod bearing assembly comprising:

a spider assembly having a trunion radially projecting therefrom;

a bearing assembly press fit onto the trunion comprising an inner race which engages said trunion effective to substantially prevent angular displacement between the inner race and trunion, an outer race, and a plurality of needle rollers interposed therebetween to permit relative rotation between the inner and outer race; and

means for axially retaining the bearing assembly to the spider.

Claim 10 (amended)

A tripod bearing assembly including a spider, comprising: